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XXII. EXTRACTS from the MINUTE-BOOK of the Linnæan Society of London.

Jan. 5, 1802. MR. LAMBERT, V.P.L.S., laid before the Society some specimens of the *Agrostis linearis* of Koenig, Retzius, and Willdenow (the *Durva* of the Hindoos), which he received among a large collection of Indian Grasses from Dr. Roxburgh. This is the grass which is figured in the 4th Volume of the *Asiatic Researches*, and so much celebrated by the late Sir William Jones for the great beauty of its flowers, and for its sweetness and nutritious quality as pasture for cattle; but Mr. Lambert observes that on his first seeing it he immediately suspected it to be the *Panicum Dactylon* of Linnæus; and upon comparing it with fine specimens in the Banksian Herbarium, it proves to be the same. Although this plant grows sparingly in Cornwall, yet it is never found there in the same perfection as in the south of Europe, or in the East Indies; and Mr. Lambert thence conjectures that it is not originally a native of England.

Dec. 20, 1803. Mr. Templeton, A.L.S. of Orange-Grove near Belfast, in a letter to Mr. Dawson Turner, F.L.S., mentions that the White-winged Cross-bill, *Loxia falcirostra* of Latham, was shot within two miles of Belfast, in the month of January 1802. It was a female, and perfectly resembled the figure in *Dixon's Voyage to the North-west Coast of America*.

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*Feb.* 21, Mr. Dryander, Vice-President in the chair, reported 1804. that the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Banks, Bart. K. B. H. M. L. S., had presented to the Society the whole of his very valuable collection of Insects, and that it was this day removed to the Society's apartments.

*Mar.* 6. Read a letter from the President, stating a curious observation relative to the musical intervals in the notes of the Cuckoo, communicated by an eminent professor at Norwich. This gentleman has invariably found the Cuckoo to begin early in the season with the interval of a *minor third*. The bird then proceeds to a *major third*, next to a *fourth*, then a *fifth*; after which his voice breaks, without his ever attaining a *minor sixth*.

*Mar.* 20. Mr. Sowerby, F. L. S., presented a Sketch of the Head of a new species of Whale or Cachelot, of the natural size, found in the month of September last, stranded on the estate of James Brodie, Esq. F. L. S., in the county of Elgin. Mr. Sowerby states that the whole animal was sixteen feet long, and proposes that it may be named *Physeter bidens*.

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